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August Crop Production

North Dakota

Spring wheat production is forecast at 301 million bushels, up 7 percent from the July forecast and 4 percent above last year, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. The forecasted yield is 46.0 bushels per harvested acre, equal to the record high set in 2009.

Durum wheat production is forecast at 66.5 million bushels, up 5.25 million bushels from last month and 5.27 million bushels more than last year. The forecasted yield is 38.0 bushels per acre, 1.0 bushel below the record high set in 2009.

Winter wheat production is forecast at 17.9 million bushels, up 4 percent from the July forecast but down 31 percent from the previous year. Winter wheat yield is forecast at a record high 56.0 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels from the July forecast and 8.0 bushels more than last year. The previous record high yield was 49.0 bushels per acre, set in 2007.

Barley production is forecast at 51.4 million bushels, down 35 percent from last year. The average yield is forecast at 65.0 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels from last month but down 5.0 bushels from last year.

Oat production is forecast at 9.10 million bushels, down 19 percent from 2009. The average yield is forecast at 70.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month but up 2.0 bushels from last year.

Soybean production is forecast at 132 million bushels, a 13 percent increase from 2009. If realized, this will be highest level of production since records began in 1942, ahead of 2006's record high 122 million bushels. Average yield is expected to be 35.0 bushels per harvested acre, up 5.0 bushels from last year.

Corn for grain production is forecast at 255 million bushels, up 27 percent from last year but down from 2008's record high 285 million bushels. Average yield is expected to be a record high 140 bushels per harvested acre, up 25 bushels from last year and 11 bushels above the previous record set in 2005.

Dry edible bean production is forecast at 10.5 million cwt, up 23 percent from last year. The average yield is forecast at 1,570 pounds per acre, up 100 pounds from last year. Acres planted by class are as follows: Pinto, 472,000; Navy, 109,000; Black, 86,000; Pink, 11,300; Great Northern, 7,700; Large Garbanzo, 7,700; Small Garbanzo, 2,800; Dark Red Kidney, 1,400; Small Red, 1,400; All Other, 700.

Sugarbeet production is forecast at 5.91 million tons, an increase of 23 percent from 2009's production. Yield is estimated at a record high 27.0 tons per harvested acre, up from last year's 22.0 tons per acre and 2006's record high 26.0 tons per acre.

Alfalfa production is forecast at 3.68 million tons from an estimated 1.60 million acres, resulting in a yield of 2.30 tons per acre. This is an increase of 12 percent from the 3.29 million tons produced in 2009.

Other Hay is forecast at 1.87 million tons from an estimated 1.10 million acres, resulting in a yield of 1.70 tons per acre. This production is down 4 percent from last year.

The production forecasts in this report are based on yield projections and acreage reports from a cross-section on North Dakota producers around August 1. This report is based on conditions around August 1, and assumes no extreme conditions during the remainder of the crop season.

United States

Spring wheat production is forecast at 633 million bushels, up 4 percent from July and up 8 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is forecast at 46.6 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels from last month and 1.5 bushels above last year. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record, 1.5 bushels above the record set last year.

Durum wheat production is forecast at 109 million bushels, up 5 percent from last month but down slightly from 2009. The U.S. yield is forecast at 42.0 bushels per acre, 2.0 bushels above last month but 2.9 bushels below last year. If realized, this will be the second highest yield on record, trailing only last year.

Barley production for 2010 is forecast at 184 million bushels, up 1 percent from the previous forecast but down 19 percent from 2009. Based on conditions as of August 1, the average yield for the U.S. is forecast at 72.3 bushels per acre, up 0.7 bushel from the July 1 forecast but down 0.7 bushel from a year ago.

Soybean production is forecast at a record high 3.43 billion bushels, up 2 percent from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 44.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from last year's record high yield. Area for harvest is forecast at 78.0 million acres, unchanged from June but up 2 percent from 2009. Harvested area, if realized, will be the largest on record.

Corn for grain production is forecast at a record high 13.4 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the previous record set in 2009. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average a record high 165.0 bushels per acre, up 0.3 bushel from last year's record of 164.7.

Dry edible bean production is forecast at 30.7 million cwt for 2010, up 21 percent from last year. The average U.S. yield is forecast at 1,798 pounds per acre, an increase of 65 pounds from 2009. Harvested area is forecast at 1.71 million acres, up 2 percent from the June Acreage report and 17 percent above the previous year's harvested acreage.

Crop Summary: Area Planted and Harvested
North Dakota and United States, 2009 and Forecasted August 1, 2010 ¹

Crop	North Dakota				United States			
	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Area Planted		Area Harvested	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>
Barley	1,210	850	1,130	790	3,567	2,972	3,113	2,546
Corn for Grain ²	1,950	2,050	1,740	1,820	86,482	87,872	79,590	81,005
Corn for Silage			170				5,605	
Hay, All			2,960	2,700			59,755	59,656
Alfalfa			1,780	1,600			21,227	20,732
All Other			1,180	1,100			38,528	38,924
Oats	350	270	165	130	3,404	3,176	1,379	1,315
Rye ³					1,241	1,186	252	250
Wheat, All	8,680	8,840	8,415	8,620	59,133	54,305	49,868	48,263
Winter	580	340	545	320	43,311	37,723	34,485	32,085
Durum	1,650	1,800	1,570	1,750	2,554	2,675	2,428	2,588
Spring	6,450	6,700	6,300	6,550	13,268	13,907	12,955	13,590
Canola	730	1,350	725	1,330	827.0	1,523.7	814.0	1,491.7
Flaxseed	295	390	293	385	317	410	314	405
Mustard Seed ³					51.5	52.0	49.8	49.1
Safflower ^{3 4}		23.0		21.5	175.0	183.5	165.5	175.0
Soybeans	3,900	3,800	3,870	3,760	77,451	78,868	76,372	77,986
Sunflower, All	885	865	868	843	2,030.0	2,093.0	1,953.5	2,011.3
Oil	770	700	760	685	1,698.0	1,652.0	1,653.0	1,596.5
Non-oil	115	165	108	158	332.0	441.0	300.5	414.8
Sugarbeets	225	228	218	219	1,185.8	1,186.5	1,148.6	1,146.0
Dry Edible Beans, All	610.0	700.0	580.0	670.0	1,537.5	1,778.0	1,463.0	1,707.8
Navy	86.0	109.0	82.0		194.9	250.3	186.5	
Great Northern	8.0	7.7	7.2		53.9	82.3	48.3	
Pinto	439.0	472.0	419.0		690.3	774.8	654.6	
Dark Red Kidney	1.5	1.4	1.2		50.5	47.9	47.3	
Pink	11.0	11.3	10.9		27.6	30.9	27.0	
Small Red	2.5	1.4	2.3		35.1	22.7	34.3	
Black	46.0	86.0	43.0		187.4	264.2	179.3	
Chickpeas, All (Garbanzo)	13.2	10.5	11.8		96.0	138.4	93.9	
Small	9.0	2.8	8.3		22.5	24.6	21.7	
Large	4.2	7.7	3.5		73.5	113.8	72.2	
Other	2.8	0.7	2.6		201.8	166.5	191.8	
Dry Edible Peas	490	490	480	480	863.3	869.0	837.9	842.9
Lentils	165	240	164	235	415	655	407	639
Fall Potatoes, All	83.0	90.0	75.0	84.0	937.1	896.1	919.6	882.3

¹ Data are latest estimates available.

² Area planted for all purposes.

³ Published at U.S. level only.

⁴ Beginning in 2010, ND published individually.

Crop Summary: Yield and Production
North Dakota and United States, 2009 and Forecasted August 1, 2010 ¹

Crop	Unit	North Dakota					United States				
		Yield			Production		Yield			Production	
		2009	2010		2009	2010	2009	2010		2009	2010
			July 1	Aug 1				July 1	Aug 1		
					<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>				<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
Barley	<i>Bu</i>	70.0	63.0	65.0	79,100	51,350	73.0	71.6	72.3	227,323	184,032
Corn for Grain	<i>Bu</i>	115		140	200,100	254,800	164.7		165.0	13,110,062	13,365,225
Corn for Silage	<i>Tons</i>	12.0			2,040		19.3			108,209	
Hay, All	<i>Tons</i>	1.77		2.06	5,240	5,550	2.47		2.58	147,442	153,894
Alfalfa	<i>Tons</i>	1.85		2.30	3,293	3,680	3.35		3.49	71,030	72,455
All Other	<i>Tons</i>	1.65		1.70	1,947	1,870	1.98		2.09	76,412	81,439
Oats	<i>Bu</i>	68.0	70.0	70.0	11,220	9,100	67.5	66.7	66.3	93,081	87,239
Rye ²	<i>Bu</i>						27.8			6,993	
Wheat, All	<i>Bu</i>	44.8	41.8	44.7	377,190	385,720	44.4	45.9	46.9	2,216,171	2,264,928
Winter	<i>Bu</i>	48.0	54.0	56.0	26,160	17,920	44.2	46.9	47.5	1,522,718	1,522,902
Durum	<i>Bu</i>	39.0	35.0	38.0	61,230	66,500	44.9	40.0	42.0	109,042	108,781
Spring	<i>Bu</i>	46.0	43.0	46.0	289,800	301,300	45.1	44.6	46.6	584,411	633,245
Canola	<i>Lbs</i>	1,840			1,334,000		1,811			1,474,130	
Flaxseed	<i>Bu</i>	24.0			7,032		23.6			7,423	
Mustard Seed ²	<i>Lbs</i>						991			49,364	
Safflower ^{2 3}	<i>Lbs</i>						1,462			241,970	
Soybeans	<i>Bu</i>	30.0		35.0	116,100	131,600	44.0		44.0	3,359,011	3,433,370
Sunflower, All	<i>Lbs</i>	1,518			1,317,200		1,554			3,036,460	
Oil	<i>Lbs</i>	1,520			1,155,200		1,563			2,584,010	
Non-oil	<i>Lbs</i>	1,500			162,000		1,506			452,450	
Sugarbeets	<i>Tons</i>	22.0		27.0	4,796	5,913	25.7		28.3	29,563	32,425
Dry Edible Beans, All ⁴	<i>Cwt</i>	1,470		1,570	8,526	10,519	1,733		1,798	25,360	30,700
Navy ⁴	<i>Cwt</i>	1,540			1,263		1,787			3,332	
Great Northern ⁴	<i>Cwt</i>	1,570			113		2,068			999	
Pinto ⁴	<i>Cwt</i>	1,460			6,106		1,667			10,914	
Dark Red Kidney ⁴	<i>Cwt</i>	1,580			19		1,797			850	
Pink ⁴	<i>Cwt</i>	1,380			150		1,841			497	
Small Red ⁴	<i>Cwt</i>	1,520			35		2,050			703	
Black ⁴	<i>Cwt</i>	1,420			610		1,679			3,010	
Chickpeas, All (Garbanzo) ⁴	<i>Cwt</i>	1,640			194		1,538			1,444	
Small ⁴	<i>Cwt</i>	1,600			133		1,378			299	
Large ⁴	<i>Cwt</i>	1,740			61		1,586			1,145	
Other ⁴	<i>Cwt</i>	1,380			36		1,883			3,611	
Dry Edible Peas ⁴	<i>Cwt</i>	2,400			11,520		2,045			17,137	
Lentils ⁴	<i>Cwt</i>	1,560			2,558		1,440			5,859	
Fall Potatoes, All	<i>Cwt</i>	255			19,125		428			393,503	

¹ Data are latest estimates available.

² Published at U.S. level only.

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⁴ Yield in pounds.